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GAS CO. LOSES FIGHT TO HOLD RIVAL'S STOCK

Court Orders Sale of Shares in
Georgetown Company, But
Refuses Dissolution.

PARTIAL VICTORY FOR BOTH

Hume Request to Distribute
Proceeds as Dividend of
Washington Firm Quashed.

The District Supreme Court today passed upon the famous controversy over the ownership of the capital stock in the Georgetown Gas Light Company by the Washington Gas Light Company. The opinions given in the four separate suits filed in 1913, are made by Justice Gould and Stafford, who heard the cases while sitting jointly in the litigation. The court holds as follows:

Refuses the dissolution of the Washington Gas Light Company, as asked by the late E. H. Thomas, then corporation counsel. Orders the Washington Gas Light Company to sell its holdings in the Georgetown company, amounting to 3,330 shares of the total of 6,000 shares of capital stock. Denies the request of the Georgetown Gas Light Company that the stock be turned back into the treasury of the Georgetown company.

Violates Act of 1913. In disposing of the request for dissolution of the Washington company, the opinion holds that while its holding of stock in the Georgetown concern is in violation of the public utilities act of 1913, it is not such an infraction as to justify the dissolution sought. Holding that the Washington company was without power to purchase the stock, the court directs that a sale be made of the 3,330 shares and the proceeds be added to the treasury of the Washington company. The opinion also gives to the purchasers of the stock the dividends which have accrued to the stock during the litigation. This ruling is made in the suit brought by the Georgetown company asking that the stock certificates be cancelled and the shares returned to the petitioner.

The suit brought by Thomas L. Hume, a stockholder of the Washington company, asking for the sale of the disputed shares and a distribution of the proceeds as dividends among the stockholders, was dismissed.

Authorizes Foreclosure. The opinion also authorizes Joseph Leiter to foreclose on 3,000 shares of stock belonging to Mr. Hume and held by Leiter as collateral for a loan of \$250,000 made in 1912.

The court's holding extends to counsel the privilege of making suggestions as to the time and terms of sale of the disputed shares. In ruling on the dissolution matter, the opinion finds that the utilities act giving the public utility commission jurisdiction in equity to dissolve any public utility for violation of the law is not a mandatory provision, but leaves the matter to the discretion of the court.

The court decides that the record in the case fails to disclose a situation that would justify the exercise of the discretion vested in the court to the extent of forfeiting the stock and the corporation "because twenty years before the date of the act."

Motion No. 13 today—which is Friday, the thirteenth on the calendar of Circuit Court No. 1, is entitled, "Mrs. Levi C. Cox vs. Miss Edith De Gray," seeking the possession of certain letters alleged to have been written Miss De Gray by Cox, husband of the plaintiff. In the \$50,000 heart balm case against Miss De Gray, filed some time ago.

Daniel W. Baker, attorney for Mrs. Cox, has written letters, including the letter, to the plaintiff, Miss De Gray, which are the subject of the litigation.

George P. Hoover, chief counsel for Miss De Gray, likewise has written letters in his name, not counting the period.

Arguments on the motion before Chief Justice Covington were postponed to October 20.

President Wilson says Friday, the thirteenth, is his lucky day.

With the Candidates on Friday, October 13th

Republican—Charles Evans Hughes campaigning in Missouri. Will deliver six speeches at Springfield and Joplin. Democrat—President Wilson en route to summer capital at Shadow Lawn from Indianapolis. Due at Shadow Lawn 2 p. m. Prohibition—J. Frank Hanly and Dr. Ira Landrith with prohibition special, campaigning through southern Illinois and Indiana, ending with night meeting at Evansville, Ind. Socialist—A. L. Benson resting in San Francisco. Scheduled to address big mass meeting there tonight.

HUGHES IN MISSOURI CONFIDENT HE WILL WIN VOTE OF STATE

Has Red Hot Speeches for
Springfield Late This After-
noon and Joplin Tonight.

By PERRY ARNOLD.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Oct. 13.—On what President Wilson considers his lucky day—Friday, the thirteenth—Republican Candidate Hughes swung into Democratic Missouri today confident of making enough votes to carry the "show" State in November. Western Republican managers have expressed great confidence in their ticket carrying in the State, and Hughes planned two red-hot speeches at Springfield late this afternoon and at Joplin tonight to cement the State in November. Western Republicanism.

From now on Hughes plans freely to discuss what he would have done were he President. The meeting in Louisville last night "took the lid off" the question of submarine warfare. It forced Hughes' hand to a certain extent. He planned to await until it was certain that the U-S and the complexities of the bringing of the submarine warfare to American shores had been disposed of before he would venture out on the question of submarine warfare. But his interrogator at Louisville last night forced earlier answers to the question.

Party Is Jubilant. Members of the immediate party were jubilant over the tremendous reception which Louisville accorded his answer. The candidate has encountered very few crowds on all his campaign trips which accorded him such a whole-hearted reception as that of the Louisville city last night. A crowd which appreciated the fact that although he "circled" the Republican ticket, he struck back stronger than the hit which his questioner aimed at him.

Police were powerless to handle the crowd, and there were numerous comments among Kentucky Republicans. (Continued on Seventh Page.)

Counterfeit \$10 Bill in Circulation

Secret Service Bulletin Warns
Against "Very Dangerous"
Spurious Reserve Note.

Warning against a "very dangerous" counterfeit note was today sent broadcast by the Secret Service. "The note," said an official bulletin, "is a \$10 note on the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, is a very dangerous counterfeit. It is money experts may be deceived by it."

The note was detected by C. R. Martens, of the Mechanics and Metals Bank of New York city, who noticed that in the portrait of Andrew Jackson, the face and hair are too dark and the eyes are too light.

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Irish Conscript Is Deemed Unwise

Nationalists Want to Have Same
Treatment as Colonies in
Military Service.

LONDON, Oct. 13.—The Irish military authorities and the chief secretary for Ireland, Henry Duke, have concurred in Lord Wimborne's statement that conscription for Ireland is neither feasible nor wise at present, the Dublin correspondent of the Daily News telegraphed today.

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WARSHIPS HUNT FOREIGN "SUB" BASE ON U. S. COAST

HOLLWEG STRONGER AS RESULT OF HIS VICTORY

German Chancellor Emerges
From U-Boat Controversy
With New Power.

NO RUTHLESS POLICY DUE
Premier Will Continue on Own
Plans With Support of the
Kaiser and Hindenburg.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 13.—Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg has emerged from the submarine controversy strengthened by his victory over the advocates of unlimited submarine warfare, the Munich Neueste Nachrichten declares.

"He will continue his policy with the support of the Kaiser and on Hindenburg," the newspaper added.

United Press Berlin dispatches a fortnight ago exclusively forecast the failure of the campaign for a resumption of unlimited submarine warfare, stating that the German chancellor had the support of the Kaiser and von Hindenburg.

WOULD GO BACK TO PRE-WAR STATUS

German Socialist Makes Peace
Proposal in Reichstag.

BREITENBURG, Oct. 13.—Germany would be willing to consider peace on the basis of the status of the belligerent nations before the war, according to a statement made by Philipp Scheidemann, Socialist leader and supporter of Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg in the Reichstag. But the attitude of the British and French premier makes a peace proposal impossible, the Socialist leader added.

"What is French will stay French; what is Belgian will stay Belgian, and what is German will stay German—this is the main basis upon which peace will be constructed," said Scheidemann. "But since Lloyd George and Briand preach war until the bitter end, the chancellor is unable to talk peace. The nations want peace. If the contrary is said in this country, then it is an absolute swindle."

People Want Peace. "I say this as a German Socialist, and I speak of the German people. But what I say of the German people, English and Russian Socialists might say of their own people. All nations are heartily sick of being lured to death by high-sounding phrases and promises."

But the French censor prevents Frenchmen from finding out that their country as well as Belgium might be freed of German troops today even if they were to "clean up" the cases. (Continued on Fifth Page.)

Hughes Might Win Barbers by Shave

Anyway, One Writes to Him, "You
Would Be Heard at a
Greater Distance."

FULTON, N. Y., Oct. 13.—Charles Evans Hughes might insure for himself the vote of many of the 72,000 barbers in this State if he would take a shave when he receives a letter mailed to him by Michael Czuba, master barber in one of the largest shops here, who states that the missive embodies the sentiments of most of his colleagues. Czuba warns Mr. Hughes that his hirsute adornment is likely to cost him many votes among the barbers, and adds: "You must realize that if all men were bearded many barbers would be compelled to go to work."

"With the beard removed you would not only stand assured of the barber vote, but your enunciations on some of the more important issues of the campaign thus far insubstantial," would be heard at a greater distance."

Lansing Finds 13 Isn't a Bit Lucky

Brand New Boil Puts In Appearance
on His Neck on
Fatal Day.

Secretary Lansing answered all questions in monosyllables at his morning conference with newspaper men today. It was plain he was not altogether happy.

When he turned to re-enter his office, the reason was plain. The Secretary had a brand new boil on his neck, which was well swathed in cotton and bandage.

German Who Laid Peace Plan Before Reichstag



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PHILIP SCHEIDEMANN.

ELECTION FRAUDS PROBE IS STARTED

Department of Justice Begins
Inquiry Into Alleged Wide-
spread Conspiracy.

Charges of widespread election fraud conspiracies in Cincinnati, Cleveland, and Columbus, Ohio; Detroit and other Michigan cities, and several Indiana cities, including Indianapolis and Terre Haute, and in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Colorado, are under investigation today by the Department of Justice. The department hopes to dispose of the cases before the coming election.

Bribery, illegal registration, colonization, and proposed illegal voting at the November election are included in the charges. The department has been informed that it is planned to take voters from one State to another to use them in elections.

Charges made to the department, it was admitted, have been on excellent authority. In many cases they were made by voters' leagues and citizens' associations. In some instances, it is understood, direct charges were made that certain political organizations have planned frauds; in other cases that frauds of past years were to be repeated.

Election fraud cases in Denver, Col., Pennsylvania, and West Virginia, it was said, concern past cases. The Denver investigation has to do with the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company investigation of some months ago. These last cases are understood to be about ready for trial.

Department of Justice attorneys said today they would make every effort to prevent the fraud charges from being made to the November election. In all cases where charges have been made, department agents are trying to "clean up" the cases before, instead of after, the election.

Harry Thaw Pays Call at Matteawan

Acts as Judge of Parade at Bea-
con's "White Way" Cele-
bration.

NEW YORK, Oct. 13.—Harry K. Thaw dropped in at the Matteawan State Hospital for the Criminal Insane yesterday, to call on Superintendent R. F. C. Kiehl, who for two of the eight years Thaw spent in Matteawan was his ally, Dr. Kiehl was away but Thaw paid his respects to Dr. Smith, that he would see that they had a liberal supply in future.

Thaw said he knew the prisoners were poorly supplied with tobacco and that they had a liberal supply in future.

He came from Pittsburgh to share in Beacon's celebration over a new "White Way," and acted as judge of the parade of firemen and civic organizations. He renewed his acquaintance with many friends made during his stay in the asylum.

He left again for Pittsburgh in the evening, accompanied by Frank E. Johnston, his personal lawyer, and Charles Rice, his secretary.

TWO GREAT LINERS IN DANGER ZONE ON ATLANTIC

Lafayette, In Bound, and Adri-
atic, for Liverpool, Facing
Submarine Menace.

LATTER RUNS OUT AT NIGHT

White Star Steamer Takes
Chance With \$8,000,000
Cargo and 242 Passengers.

NEWPORT, R. I., Oct. 13.—The radio station here today received a report from an unidentified steamer stating that she had sighted the German submarine U-53 well off Nantucket shoals at 7 o'clock this morning.

NEW YORK, Oct. 13.—Two great trans-Atlantic liners today are in the new danger zone created by the submarine activities off the coast of the United States.

And much anxiety exists here in shipping interests and among friends of those on board.

One is the French liner Lafayette, in bound, with a number of prominent Americans and a costly cargo. The other is the British steamship Adriatic, outbound, with 242 passengers, six of them Americans, and \$8,000,000 worth of munitions and other freight in her hold.

The Adriatic, with lights out, dashed to sea last night in defiance of the menace from the unseen German terror, believed to be lurking off the coast.

Anchored off the Ambrose Channel Lightship after swinging from her North river pier yesterday afternoon, and stood like a silent sentinel of the sea in the moonlight of the early night.

Then, as the silvery rays began to glow dim, Capt. Joseph Ransom gave the order for the run into the danger zone with her precious cargo of human life and war supplies.

Dashes South From Regular Lanes. From her anchorage, the giant ocean greyhound dashed south from the regular lanes of travel to minimize the likelihood of stopping a possible torpedo from the big German submarines, and under full steam speeded to her fate out on the Atlantic.

The six Americans aboard are Mr. and Mrs. William J. Wilson of this city, who travel in the saloon; R. G. Braxington and H. A. Emerson, a butter and egg merchant of this city, occupying second cabin accommodations. In the steerage are two Filipinos who are American citizens.

Fifty-five of the other passengers are survivors of the British steamships West Point and Stratheden, sunk off Nantucket.

The Cunarder freighter Pannonia, which followed the Adriatic, did not anchor, but headed south, hugging the Jersey shore. The Pannonia is bound for London, and her usual course would be east.

Thirteen Ships Sail. In all thirteen steamships, most of them heavily freighted with munitions and supplies, sailed from New York yesterday. The British vessels were, besides the Adriatic and Pannonia, the H. M. S. Bellerophon, the H. M. S. Abdiel, the Atlantic Transport Line, the Cunarder St. George, the steamships Silvercedar, Teutonic and Saxo, the Scandinavian-American liner Hellig Olav, another Danish ship, one Dutch, one Greek, one Norwegian and one Uruguayan.

The Hellig Olav, bound for Copenhagen, had 350 passengers. Among these was J. C. Helweggen, former governor of the Danish West Indies, and Major N. C. North of Washington on the way to Petrograd on official business.

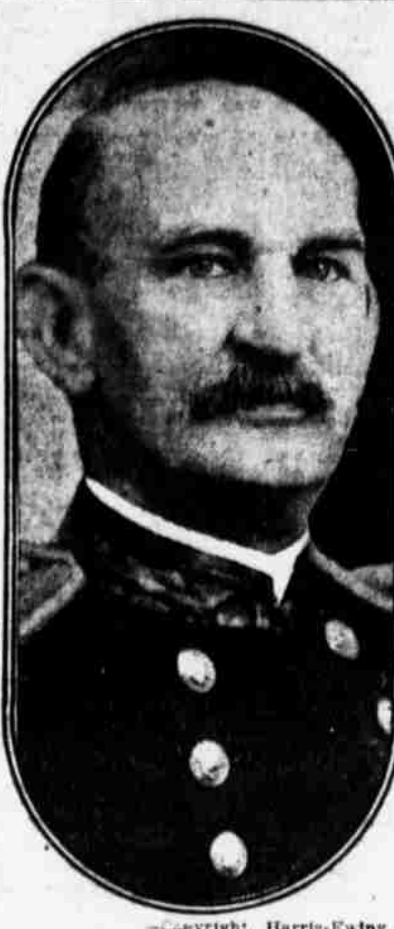
It became apparent yesterday that the only probable result of placing all allied ships in Atlantic ports of this country under the orders of the British admiralty would be not to delay departure, but to expedite them.

That United States destroyers are now patrolling the three-mile limit was made known when the Munson Line steamship Munamar came in from Cuban ports.

RIOTING RENEWED
ON NEW YORK CARS
Crews Driven Off, Stones Thrown
And Shots Fired.

NEW YORK, Oct. 13.—Crews were driven off eleven surface cars overnight by riotous crowds of strike sympathizers on the upper East Side, stones were thrown and shots fired, and the trouble was quieted only with the arrival of a large number of reserves.

Commander of Warships Hunting Unneutral Base



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ADMIRAL MAYO.

BRITISH ADVANCE ON A TWO-MILE FRONT

Haig Reports Gains Made in
Severe Fighting North of
River Somme.

PARIS, Oct. 13.—Franco-British air squadron last night bombed the Mauser works at Obendorf, dropping nearly five tons of projectiles, it was officially announced today.

On both sides of the Somme artillery activity was rather violent last night.

LONDON, Oct. 13.—British troops advanced on the front extending from Guadecourt to Les Bœufs (about two miles) in severe fighting north of the Somme last night. General Haig reported this afternoon. Gains were also made northwest of Guadecourt and 150 prisoners were taken.

A German attack north of Staff redoubt was driven off.

Fourteen British raiding parties entered enemy trenches in the regions of Ypres and Armentieres during the night, returning with prisoners and inflicting casualties.

ITALIANS ADVANCING IN DRIVE ON TRIESTE

Vienna Admits Gains of Foe De-
spite Berlin Denials.

VIENNA, Oct. 13.—Italian troops have gained some ground for six and one-half miles south of Gorizia, in their recent offensive on the Carso, it was officially announced today, but have left 2,000 prisoners in Austrian hands.

In the Pasubio region, the Austrians have withdrawn somewhat.

BERLIN, Oct. 13.—The new Italian drive on the Isonzo, launched for the purpose of relieving Austrian pressure on Roumania, has utterly failed in its purpose, said Vienna dispatches today.

The Austrians have blocked repeated Italian assaults without summoning a single regiment from any other front, it was stated. General Cadorna has failed to make any important gains, though he wasted ammunition lavishly in eight days of bombardment that preceded the assault.

British and Serbian attacks in Macedonia, probably for the purpose of drawing off Bulgarian troops from the Roumanian front, have met with a similar fate. The Bulgarians withdrew at a few places, but everywhere maintained their fortified lines.

The Teutonic sweep through Transylvania and the possibility of a great invasion of Roumania are interesting the Berlin public to the exclusion of other military movements. When the allies are gaining small local successes on the Somme front, Falkenhayn's armies are expected to deal a crushing blow to Roumania.

SEARCH FOR HIDDEN WIRELESS ALSO IS STARTED

Fast Destroyers Rushed to Sea
on "Tip" Received at New-
port.

DANIELS EXPLAINS ORDER

Many Reports of Secret Sources
of Supply Received by the
Navy.

Suspicion that a belligerent government might be maintaining submarine bases and secret wireless stations on the Atlantic coast of this country, caused the sudden dash to sea of destroyers from Newport, Secretary Daniels said today.

Admiral Mayo, commanding the Atlantic fleet, ordered the ships out yesterday. They will search the coast as far as Eastport, Me., near the Canadian border, for possible secret submarine bases or wireless stations.

"We have no reason to believe any belligerent is maintaining a base on this shore," Daniels said. "During the last year, however, whenever there has been a report or even a possibility that a belligerent was maintaining a submarine base on this side, we have sent destroyers out to search for it."

MANY REPORTS OF BASES. Since the arrival of the U-53, Daniels said, there have been many reports, particularly in newspapers, that some belligerent was maintaining a naval base here.

Daniels has received letters, it was admitted, suggesting such a possibility. The order for the sudden trip to sea, though, was given by Admiral Mayo on his own initiative.

The suddenness of the departure of the destroyers gave rise to reports that the Newport naval men had been "tipped" to the location of a naval base, but the Navy Department has no information on this point.

It was also said that agents of the Treasury, War, and Justice Departments are co-operating in the search to determine whether this country was permitting a violation of its neutrality by allowing the establishment of such bases. The Treasury Department is working through the Coast Guard Service.

Base Believed at Sea. The possible base or bases are not believed to be on land. Instead, according to official tips here, supplying may be done by shipmasters from Canada, the United States, and Spain, while un-sinkable rafts, with oil barrels attached, may be floated out to belligerent war vessels. The tip here is that these supplies have been sent to German submarines.

One official guardedly admitted his belief that there will be more submarine raids next month.

Doubt U-53's Supplies. Authorities do not believe that the U-53 carried sufficient supplies to last her for three months as her captain claimed.

While officials would not say positively that the process of supplying submarines from ships along the coast is now proceeding, one authority gave unmistakable evidence that he thinks such reports come from what he Navy regards as reliable sources, and that they are worthy of the strictest investigation.

DESTROYERS' PATROL EXTENDS TO CANADA

Fifteen U. S. Vessels Are Comb-
ing Coast for Suspected Base.

NEWPORT, R. I., Oct. 13.—Rushing through the waters of the Atlantic coast as far north as the Canadian boundary line, fifteen United States torpedo boat destroyers from the naval base here today are searching the bays and harbors for a possible naval base of a belligerent government.

One by one the destroyers left Newport harbor yesterday, until at midnight they were strung out along the coast with three reported as far north as Bar Harbor, Me.

Reports from the destroyers by radio were not given out by the station here, but so far as is known no actual evidence of a belligerent base of supplies has been located.

At 12:30 this afternoon the destroyer Cummings tore out of the harbor at full speed to join the constantly-increasing patrol. All the destroyers leaving here carry secret instructions regarding the search.